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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. **LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION**

The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

II. **COPIES**

A. ____ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cross-referenced pending U.S. application listed below in Section IV, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

B. ____ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

C. ☒ Because the present application was/is being filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications which are listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i). Any foreign patent documents or non-patent literature listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.

D. ____ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. If the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. ☒ Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

B. ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

1. ____ See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application.
2. ____ English translations are provided.
3. ☒ Other:

International Search Report for PCT mailed August 10, 2004

German Patent Application P 23 46 677.5, which was first published on April 11, 1974, appears to disclose a spray head for generating a plurality of water jets. The spray head comprises six outlet openings (12 in Figures 1 and 2; 32 in Figures 5 and 6) the cross-section of which can be varied by axial displacement of a core member (6;26) which either varies the cross-section by displacement of an elastically deformable ring (13 in Figures 1 and 2) or by displacement of a stepped core (Figures 5 and 6).

German Patent No. 35 10 107, first published on October 31, 1985, appears to disclose an adjustable nozzle arrangement for a shower head which nozzle arrangement comprises an axially displaceable nozzle body (6) the position of which determines the amount of water flowing through the nozzle arrangement.

German Patent Application P 39 12 655.2 which was published on November 2, 1989, appears to disclose a motor driven brush for cleaning

upholstery. The brush comprises a rotatably driven brush member and a pump for feeding cleaning fluid thereto. It is stated that feeding of liquid to the brush member (2) is controlled by the user by means of several valves (7) provided in the brush handle. However, no further details are disclosed.

German Patent Application P 42 26 928.8 was published on February 24, 1994, and appears to disclose a spraying device having a nozzle (11) connected to a source of pressurized air through a hose (9) and cooperating with a nozzle (15) which is in connection with the liquid to be sprayed. The hose (9) is normally held in a compressed state by means of a spring biased actuation arm (7). This arm can be manually displaced by the user against the force of the spring (8).

German Utility Model No. 1 962 595 which was published on June 22, 1967, appears to disclose a cleaning device for windows and the like with a brush element (5) provided at the front end of a telescopically adjustable handle (1, 2, 3). Adjacent to the brush element (5) spray nozzles (6) are provided which are in connection with a water pump (9) through a hose (7). No structural details are described.

German Utility Model No. 74 31 959 was published on March 13, 1975 and appears to disclose in a somewhat sketchy way a spraying device. In Figure 4, a valve is shown which appears to comprise a pivotable arm that is spring biased to a position in which the hose is compressed.

German Utility Model No. 87 10 130, published on June 30, 1988, describes a suction device for surgical purposes and contains a valve with a spring (18) biased pinch member (15) which in the non-actuated state compresses a hose (13).

DD-Patent No. 32 872, which was published on November 5, 1964, describes a device for preventing backflow of liquid which device essentially consists of a check-valve provided in a tube-like section. Different forms of check-valves are shown which all use flap-like members to effect closing of the flow path.

German Utility Model No. 202 14 940 (Hako-Werke GmbH, Germany), which was published on March 25, 2004, appears to disclose a device for mounting and/or driving a brush body provided on a drive shaft of a cleaning machine. The device comprises an essentially hollow cylindrically shaped receiving element (2) and an insert (3) element insertable into the receiving element (2) wherein for positive force or torque transmission at least one projection (9) is provided on the insert element (3) and/or the receiving element (2) and at least one corresponding recess (10) on the receiving element (2) and/or the insert element (3). The receiving element or the insert element is provided on the drive shaft angularly displaceable against a reset force.

C. ____ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

A. ____ The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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1. ____ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

2. ____ See the certification below. No fee is required.

C. ____ **37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d):**

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VI. CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e): (check only one box)

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

A. ____ each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)). See further statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) below in section VII, if applicable; or

B. ____ no item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)).

C. ____ Some of the items of information were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office. As to this information, the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. As to the remaining information, the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of this remaining information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

VII. STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.704(d)

The undersigned hereby states that:

____ each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this IDS.

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A. ☒ No fee is presently due.

B. ____ A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed for the above-identified fee.

C. ____ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2548 in the amount of \$180.00 for the above-indicated fee. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.


The above references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, contain matter which anticipates the invention, or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Furthermore, this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

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